

COMMUNITY OUTREACH FORUMS

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Community Development

Susanville (Northern)

- Visitor centers to strengthen regional economy
- On-going funding for CDFG properties
- Can we fund local entities to manage these lands?
- How to address backlog of ranchers who want to do conservation easements?
- Need to improve trails access and maintenance
- Modoc line trail funding and for the trail transactional costs
- Public lands grazing - need to maintain access to maintain working ranches
- Timber mgmt plans on public lands- intersect between fed and local policy - restore and manage
- Need to restore (and manage) sagebrush steppe ecosystem
- Juniper removal - could use for biomass and economic activity (in association with sagebrush steppe restore)
- Cedarville visitors center - opportunity
- Economic development opportunities for youth, retain local youth, job training, government opportunities in Susanville
- Attracting visitors and promoting events to stimulate local economy - e.g. festivals, runs, competitions
- Need to link jobs to resource base for sustainability (e.g. Cogen plants for Juniper)
- REACH program in Klamath County is good example - a value added juniper operation
- Address dead spots in DSL availability

Health & Well Being

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- Biomass power plants- preferable to controlled and wild burns (low profit margin could require subsidy)
- Planning with local resource based industries(timber, agriculture, recreation) to maintain local viability and jobs to keep people in region
- Concern regarding prisons in area - not desirable or viable for local economy and community
- Maintaining ecological health and beauty of Susan River
- Shasta County restoring natural salmon populations - funding (Bear Creek watershed and others)
- Historical, community center, interpretive center. Would funding be available for upkeep of buildings?
- i.e. Lassen Land and Trails Trust - Historical Susanville Depot
- i.e. Surprise Valley wants to build visitors center
- Fire hazard reduction in wildlands- urban interface areas - adjacent to national and private forest lands
- Support for fire-safe councils
- Support funding for fire lines between unmanaged lands, public / state lands, private lands, special district lands (funding buffer zones)
- Locally buffer are important, especially near public and urban lands
- Buffering/firebreaks can go along with economic development (i.e. power / biofuels)
- Lassen County mural project
- Air quality is directly related to fire reduction

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Property Rights

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- Protection and maintenance for resources
- Westwood visitor center was built but no operational money
- Acquisition of conservation easement shouldn't necessarily include public access
- Would like a funding source for conservation easements
- Surprise Valley visitor center in planning process, help educate about working landscapes, but no \$\$\$
- Play a role to facilitate bringing multiple landowners together to discuss and resolve and then implement to create healthy landscapes and fuel reduction
- Need an approach for limiting liability expense for land trusts which take on sites with possible environmental hazards.

Technical Assistance

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- Provide planning to local communities & Business (i.e. GIS services)
- Ground water monitoring
- Needs / problems assessment of old mills (hazardous materials assessment)
- Access for disabled (cost associated, planning)
- Assess potential for additional funding or replacement funding (due to disabled access funding cuts)
- Provide assistance in R & D for tourism and economic development potential for projects to promote the area

Tourism & Recreation

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- Provide outdoor education for all
- Acquire the Modoc rail line -- expand the rail to trail program
- Connect Susanville with Alturas via trail
- Create some loop trails, especially in valleys
- Volcanic scenic legacy byway-Tech assistance to package the plan and market
- Interpretive scenic byways
- Cedarville visitor center in surprise valley
- Hat Creek/Pit River confluence-PG+E acquisitions
- Create and support recreation coalitions
- Operations and management money for everything!
- Increased federal land management to help lessen impacts to recreation and public assets
- Practice sustainable forestry
- Funds/resources to enhance/staff existing visitor centers
- Recreation funding for handicap and disabled people
- Help with trails master plan while being respectful of private property
- Land and facilities for disabled children and adults
- Wildlife habitat improvements to enhance sportsman support
- Maintain existing forest service roads for public use and create a collaboration for funding maintenance and infrastructure
- Access across private land to public lands
- Bringing together those with potential conflicts to avoid conflicts
- Educate user groups about maintaining recreation lands
- Public access to Almador shore lines, Honey Lake also

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- Living history events on public lands
- Tourism and recreation development for Modoc co.-marketing, assessment, inventory

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